

of the Senate and the public that a hearing of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions will be held on Thursday, June 17, 1999, 10:00 a.m., in SD-106 of the Senate Dirksen Buildings. The subject of the hearing is "ESEA: Research and Evaluation". For further information, please call the committee, 202/224-5375.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

MEDICAL RESEARCH

• Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I rise today to call attention to the fact that last week the Senate voted to provide an additional \$300 million for medical research in the Fiscal Year 2000 Department of Defense Appropriations bill. I joined with several of my colleagues in urging that critical funding for cancer research be included in the bill.

Included in this account are \$175 million for breast cancer research, \$75 million for prostate cancer research, and \$50 million for other medical research including ovarian cancer, osteoporosis, diabetes and childhood asthma.

In recent years, the DOD's Department for Health Affairs has made great strides in innovative medical research. The DOD Breast Cancer Research Program is an excellent example of these advancements. During its six years in existence, the program has grown from a small isolated project to a well-funded, efficient, and effective part of the cancer research community.

As was recommended by the Institute of Medicine, the program is overseen by a group of scientists and patient activists, which helps the program keep up with advancements of the scientific community. This structure has fostered a program praised for its innovation, flexibility, and efficiency.

Approximately 90 percent of the program's funds are devoted to research grants. The DOD Breast Cancer Research Program grants have encouraged scientific research to extend beyond traditional research. Specifically, Innovative Developmental and Exploratory Awards (IDEA) grants are targeted for innovative research efforts that explore new approaches in areas that offer the greatest potential.

The program also incorporates consumer and community needs in its research priorities. By including consumer advocates in decision-making and by bringing clinical trials into the community, the program has integrated the goals of advocates, scientists, and patients. This unique approach has proven successful both in the research the Program has produced and the future research it has inspired.

Similar to the Breast Cancer Research Program, the DOD Prostate Cancer Research Program is conducted according to the model established by the Breast Cancer Program. According to the American Cancer Society, approximately 179,300 American men will

develop prostate cancer this year, and about 37,000 will die of this disease. Though I am encouraged by the news that the survival rate for this type of cancer has increased from 50% to 85%, we clearly can and must do more.

Replicating the much-praised Breast Cancer Program mission and structure, prostate research encourages innovation while creating a partnership between advocates and scientists. Research grants are designed to stimulate innovative research and to bolster the national effort against prostate cancer.

As co-chair of the Senate Cancer Coalition, I am very familiar with current cancer research efforts. The DOD cancer research programs are some of the most innovative and effective public-private partnerships that our country has in the battle against cancer. I am confident that commitment to this program will strengthen our nation's cancer research program and help to stop the spread of this dread disease.

The additional funding in the DOD appropriation bill is compatible with other progressive funding sources that have been explored in recent years. The Breast Cancer Research Stamp, which I sponsored in the Senate, has raised \$6.6 million for breast cancer research. Thirty percent of these funds go to the DOD program.

With the work of research programs across the country, we have made some progress in the war on cancer: new cancer cases and deaths in the United States fell between 1990 and 1996; survival time has been extended dramatically for some cancers; we have improved therapies with fewer adverse side effects; and there is increased cancer screening and detection.

And yet, sadly, we have a long way to go. Cancer is the second leading cause of death in the US, exceeded only by heart disease. The American Cancer Society estimates that over 1.2 million new cancer cases are expected to be diagnosed in 1999 and about one half million Americans are expected to die of cancer this year alone.

But we must look at these disturbing statistics as an opportunity. What these statistics tell us is that we need to multiply, accelerate, and intensify our war on cancer. The additional \$300 million for medical research in the Department of Defense Appropriations bill sends a strong signal that we are committed to combating this destructive disease. The Senate should be proud of sending this powerful message. •

RETIREMENT OF JOHN JERMAIN SLOCUM, JR.

• Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, today, I wish to pay tribute to Mr. John Jermain Slocum, Jr., who has served at the Preservation Society of Newport County in Newport, Rhode Island, and is retiring as President and Chairman of the Board.

Jerry Slocum's work is well known to me. I have had the pleasure of know-

ing the Slocum family for many years. Rhode Island has benefited greatly from their involvement in the community. In fact, during my years as Governor, Jerry assisted me in a variety of functions. Among his duties in my office, Jerry worked as a drafter of proclamations and handled constituent services. In this capacity, Jerry displayed the qualities of a problem solver and a facilitator, which are very important in the workplace.

When Jerry joined the Preservation Society of Newport County in 1990, he brought with him the support and appreciation of historic houses instilled in him by his parents. Since becoming President, the Society has expanded its number of historic structures from 18 to 23—not an easy feat! The Society now hosts structures ranging from the Hunter House, built in 1748, to the Vanderbilt family's Newport summer house, the Breakers, to its newest acquisition, the Isaac Bell House.

However, Jerry did not stop there. During his tenure, the educational programs offered by the Society have expanded to include: its annual International Symposium, the John Winslow Lectures, the Noreen Stonor Drexel Lecture Series and the Newport Flower Show. Jerry Slocum certainly is a believer in community involvement. He has worked tirelessly to extend the outreach of the Society and its facilities to the community, and in doing so, he has drawn people to Newport from across the country.

This hard work and dedication has brought the Society national recognition. In 1998, the National Trust for Historic Preservation awarded the Preservation Society with a stewardship award for its exceptional contribution to preserving the historic and architectural heritage of Newport. Also, various properties of the Preservation Society have been recognized and used in films such as "The Buccaneers," "Mr. North," and the Arnold Schwarzenegger action film, "True Lies."

As Jerry prepares for his private life away from the duties of his terribly demanding job, I want to congratulate and thank him for all that he has given to the Society and the community. •

TRIBUTE TO THE PROVIDENCE BRUINS

• Mr. REED. Mr. President, for the first time since the America's Cup left Newport for Fremantle in 1983, Rhode Island is home to a championship trophy. With a 5-1 victory over the Rochester Americans last night, the Providence Bruins won the esteemed Calder Cup as the 1999 Champions of the American Hockey League. The P-Bruins have won the hearts of sports fans in Rhode Island since professional hockey returned to the state in 1992 after a 16-year hiatus.

But this victory was much deserved for a team that truly turned itself around. In winning the Calder Cup, the 1999 Providence Bruins became one of